

**Press Release** 

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TEXAS MILK PRODUCTION On:

UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN. . . . Texas milk production totaled 540 million pounds during April, up 6 percent from last year's production of 512 million pounds. March 2004 production totaled 550 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during April averaged 317,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year and unchanged from March 2004. Production per cow averaged 1,705 pounds during April, up 7 percent from last year but down 2 percent from March 2004.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 12.6 billion pounds, down less than 1 percent from production in these same states in April 2003. March revised production, at 12.8 billion pounds, was down 1.7 percent from March 2003.

Production per cow during April averaged 1,630 pounds, 3 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 20 states was 7.72 million head, 81,000 head less than last year but 2,000 head more than March 2004.